

### REMARKS

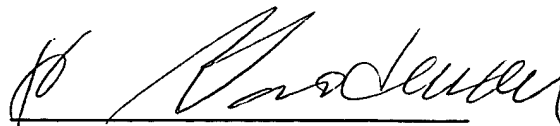
It is respectfully submitted that the present amendment does not constitute new matter because it is the obvious correction of an obvious error.

The original subject matter on page 12, lines 17-21 which is deleted by the present amendment discloses that "kink" is a state in which the external differential quantum efficiency is 15% or more. Workers in this field would understand that this is an obvious error. The original subject matter should have stated that "kink" is a state in which the **variation** in external differential quantum efficiency relative to the initial external differential quantum efficiency is 15% or more. The fact that the original subject matter contained an obvious error and the present amendment is the obvious correction of the obvious error is explained by the following information received from applicant.

"Generally, in a semiconductor laser device that emits light at a wavelength of 0.98  $\mu\text{m}$  like the present invention, when injected current increases to be a little over the threshold current, the external differential quantum efficiency already reaches a value that is close to 100% (that value will be hereinafter referred to as "initial external differential quantum efficiency"). "Kink" denotes a phenomenon such that when the injected current is gradually increased, the external differential quantum efficiency of the laser device drops to a value much lower than the initial external differential quantum efficiency or rises to a value much higher the initial external differential quantum efficiency. The definition of "kink" as above is an obvious technical matter to a person skilled in the art."

Entry of the present amendment is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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